

Frequently rehospitalized SNF patients

ISSUE: Some Medicare beneficiaries who use skilled nursing facility (SNF) services have multiple SNF and acute hospital stays within a finite period of time. Some of these stays may be potentially avoidable and raise concerns about unnecessary program spending and quality of care.

KEY POINTS: Staff will present background information on repeated hospital-SNF stays and lay out broad policy options to lower potentially avoidable rehospitalizations and SNF stays.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide comments on the broad policy options and staff work planned for the coming year.

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